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Sent: 8/10/2022 5:55:27 PM

To: Wang, Gary [wang.gary@epa.gov]; Breffle, Don [Breffle.Don@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: EPA UIC Permits

Gary,

I got them all. I appreciate the time it took to gather these.

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EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Eric,

FYI, I managed to gather the permits, but the files are a too big for email so I'll be setting up an FTP for you to download them. This will actually be my first attempt at the FTP so if you don't see a separate email prompting you to download the records, please let me know and I will try again. Also, I think the default FTP expiration is about 5 days, so just wanted you to know so to may grab them sooner than later.

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Gary,

I appreciate the quick response. For the "grandfathered" wells, I will download from the link you provided. Also, if it's not too much trouble for you to compile the other permits, I would greatly appreciate it. I am trying to go through a lot of old files and I'm not having much luck finding what I'm looking for. Thanks for all your help with this.

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Hi Eric,

Unfortunately, the permits are not readily available online. In reviewing the Merit wells in our records, there are about 6 wells that are rule authorized and 24 are permitted wells.

The 6 rule authorized wells were already injection wells prior to the start of the UIC program, way back in the days, and "grandfathered" wells which do not have permits, but rather need to follow the regulatory requirements set in Title 40 in the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 144.28 (40 CFR 144.28). So the requirements for these 6 wells are readily available. Here is a link to the regulations: https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/40/144.28

As for the remainder 24 permitted wells, I can try to compile them and send them out to you, but it'll take a minute, likely more towards the afternoon before I can get that to you.

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Gary/Don,

I am trying to find a copy of the original UIC permit issued by the EPA for some of Merit's wells in Wyoming. Since I am having little to no luck finding them in our online documents, I was wondering if there is a place on the EPA's website to search and download the approved permit and conditions of approval. If there is a place to search for this type of information, please provide a link. Thanks in advance for your help in this matter.

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